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THANKSGIVING TIME.

Thanksgivin time's a-comin-i kin hear the Of the turkeys in the barnyard on the farm

where I was born. I kin see the Shanghai rooster walkin sort of

wibble wobble, Makin b'lieve he's feelin sick an off his feed of yaller corn

An they're fixin in the kitchin for a good ole

fashioned dinner, Choppin mince meat by the bushel thet is good for hungry eyes. Seedin raisins for plum puddin fit to save the

vilest sinner If he ever had a mother an she made Thanks-

givin pica.

Ah, the mother, she's a smilin, standin in the doorway, lookin Down toward the railroad station when she

hears the engine toot. Fer her boy is a comin, an the pies most burn

a-cookin. While her dear ole heart's a-thumpin for this worthless ole galoot.

Doesn's 'pear to matter nohow thet I'm bald an gittin gouty. Doesn't seem to make no dif'rence thet I

amote an cuse a bit, She's the same ole lovin mother, never cross

an never grouty, An they'll be no more Thankagivin's, boya,

en mother hes to quit. -New York Sun.

UNCLE JOB'S TURKEY

"Forevermore!" wails Mrs. Tom.

"How provoking!" cries Mrs. Dick.

"But then he's reported rich," ascase it's assuredly one of those cases that circumstances alter wonderfully !"

"I don't believe he's a rich man, for one," affirms Mrs. Tom, looking ruefully at the letter in her hand. "Why, when I wrote to Uncle Job-of all the names I do detest, 'Job' comes firstwhen I wrote and ever so delicately hinted that I'd swallow my prejudioes'

"A terrible indigestible mass you'd find 'em, Bel!"

-"and name Plantagenet 'Job' if it would be to the boy's interest later in life, what do you think he said?"

'Don't ask me. What did he say?" "His answer was terse enough and brief enough to be easily remembered. He wrote: 'Dear niece, pray do not saddie upon your son a name I never should have chosen for myself had I had the smallest choice in the matter. If you must call him for some Biblical personage, I should suggest Malhalaleel as a cognomen euphonious enough to harmonize well with our family name, and, believe me, Niece Isabel, he will have just as much of my good will when I die, if that is your desire, as if he had been named after your affectionate un-cle, Job Altick."

"Of course he's as poor as poverty, then, Bel. Poor people are always the witty ones, with sharp answers ever ready at tongnes' or pens' points. One of us (or shall we take turns?) will be sure to have old Uncle Job foisted apon us, and if it wasn't for those heavy mortgages Harry has to clear off in the spring he would not mind, I know, one extra mouth to feed."

spare!" says Mrs. Dick. "And if I had an extra couple of

sure, if I could be certain that he was a wealthy man, it would make a vast difference, and for the children's sake"-"What a sordid sister-in-law I have, to be sure !" laughs Mrs. Harry. "Speaking of the children, Bel, how is Plant's love affair coming on?"

cheerless manner for the two wedded young folks.

But though shut out from one loved paradise, he has his Nan-his dear, lit-tie, brave Nan, who smiles through great, unshed tears upon him, when suddenly she meets his sorrowful gaze after many a long quarter of an hour's silent retrospection.

"Oh, it must come right soon, Plant -they never would shut you out of their lives forever!"

"You don't know them," mutters the boy.

"I'm pretty well acquainted with you, dear, and if any father or mother could treat such a son as you are so curvily-there, that's an ugly word, I know, Plant, but it's the right one to use in this instance-all I have to say is that they don't deserve such a good child-there!" and two pretty arms, bared to the elbow for kitchen convenience, find their fond way about the neck of her chosen lord.

Her chosen lord amiles faintly at this speech and tries desperately to rally his drooping spirits.

It was a very humble position that the college bred Plantagenet Altick found himself obliged to accept to keep the little house going-the only position open to him when he, beside himself with a just indignation at an unreasonable opposition and a great and absorbing love, broke bounds and besought the faithful Nan to leave her position serts Mrs. Harry, "and if that is the as governess in a wealthy family and share his five roomed cottage and his stay. It all depends, though.' meager salary.

Nan, too used to poverty to let it frighten ber, and imagining, innocent soul, that no one could long be angry at so dear a boy as Plant, consented. and the home coming, though a lonesome little affair, brought with it happiness enough to last a fortnight at east.

Then Plantagenet saw that there was to be no relenting on the part of those he loved and reverenced with all the strength of his boyish nature, and his grief grew greater with every passing hour. To crown all, he had lost his position the second week in the November following, owing to the insolvency of the firm by which he had been employed, and, though they have given him splendid recommendations, there is no position easily obtainable.

One morning a stray thought, finding its way from out that great, mysterious silence so full of untried possibilities, comes to him suddenly and sends him upon its own little errand straight to Uncle Job.

Up a long flight of front stairs, up a short back flight and several knocks upon a door's panel cause it to open and discover to young Altick a room littered with papers, books, trays of specimens and two or three volumes of Hugh Miller.

"Good morning, Uncle Job!"

"How d'ya do, Plantagenet?"

"I do miserably, thank you, sir. Uncle Job, I've lost my position, and-and -if I could help you in any way-copying or the like-I write a tolerably de-"And if I had an extra bedroom to cent hand, sir, and I thought perhaps you'd like to hire me"-

"No-no-no! Not even though wants!" whines Mrs. Tom. "To be you're a 'Yale fellow well met.' I'd not trust you with them! Not a soul save myself shall do a line of writing on these particular manuscripts. What's the matter?"

chased for his own dinner brought up into the very parlor that he may place it in "odious comparison" beside the small fry in Uncle Job's basket. Again rebuffed, the old gentleman bids Mrs. Dick and her langhing hushand good day and finds his way to the house of the youngest of his three nephews.

It is the same thing over again, save that Henry Altick's refusal to accept the wizened bird is more politely veiled. Gentle Mrs. Harry even makes furtive little signs of acceptance to her courteous husband, but that individual, secretly enjoying the comical side of the affair too much to notice the perforce stealthy signals of his wife, allows poor Uncle Job to take his wares to other marts. Through Nan's kitchen door comes

the sweet sound of her singing. Plantagenet has found a new position, Uncle Job has given them a "fiver" to start on, a little fat turkey is on the table before her, awaiting its fragrant dressing, and life has seemed brighter this Thanksgiving morning than for many a day. So she sings with a heart growing lighter at each merry measure -and her song reaches Uncle Job, who stands knocking outside the door.

"Why, Uncle Job, how nice of you! And you've come to take dinner with us, haven't you? Did you meet Plant? No? He went to fetch you over half an States gunboat Concord have gone hour ago. Let me have your basket and your bat and your gloves-there!"

"Thank you, my niece. I think I'll

'And how does 'Paradoxides Tessini' get on, sir?"

"Famously, Mrs. Nan-famously! shall yet live to show old Herr von Leimstein that what he chooses to call MAY HASTEN THE SPANIARDS. muschelkalk of the triassic period is nothing upon earth-or in earth, I suppose I should say-but colite of the urussio!"

"Indeed, sir. Well, I'm glad I'm not in the massel shell state of evolution. and I am also glad that you have come to dinner, dear professor."

"Honestly glad?"

"Honestly glad."

"Glad enough to accept this little turkey as an addition to your repast?"

"Oh, Uncle Job, how lovely of you! Why, what a feast we'll have, to be suro! I'm awfully hungry, and I'll confess to you now, sir, that I felt as if 1 could eat the entire turkey Plant brought home myself. I wouldn't tell him the whole truth, but I was afraid he'd find it out by my gnawing the bones. But now we're all fixed for a luxurious repast, and, oh, Uncle Job, don't you want to chop up this onion for me? I'm so tired of weeping, and onions always affect me so deeply.

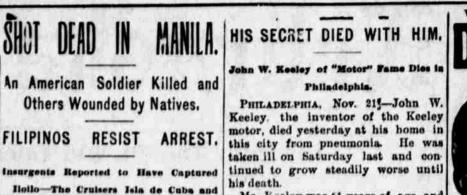
"Tears have forgotten the way to my eyes. Give me the chopper."

"There's the bowl, and there's-Plant."

" "Tisn't fair, " smiles the newcomer, holding out his hands to the grateful warmth of the little kitchen stove. 'You're a witch. Upon which particular broomstick did you fetch him in my absence, Nan?"

is, a twin to ours, and just in time to in the battle of Manila last May day. bo stuffed."

'Hooray for us-a tandem team! To be strictly candid, Nan, I meant to eat the turkey I brought home all myself. Now you can have a taste. Four drumsticks! Uncle Job, if I do have a weakness for anything besides Nan it's"-"What's this? Plant-look-looklook !" Louder than her cries of wonderment is the noisy downfall of the strange contents of that little turkey. Silver disks clatter and jingle and chink upon the pine table over the echoing tinware, the iron pans, the dough board, the floor itself, and, as if demented with their sudden liberty, the big round coins go rolling off into this corner, that corner, under table, chair and stove! How many broad silver dollars that gaunt fowl holds the astonished young people cannot tell, but to their widely opened eyes it seems a little fortune, and Uncle Job thinks himself amply repaid when two happy children kneel beside him and fall to caressing him as they weep, and the tears are not born of the chopped onions in his lap-they are bona fide tears of pure joy. And afterward, when it comes to pass that the profits that accrue from the enormous sales of the new textbook are all made over to the little bride and Mrs. Nan is accounted almost as wealthy as the regretted Gwendolin, Mrs. Tom allows John to turn the horses' noses toward the five roomed cottage to which an addition is being built for Uncle Job's especial use, and in her gentle daughter-in-law's little best room eats humble pie very prettily, leaving a message for her son that, to him, brings heaven itself into the dining room. when at dusk, through the sweet air of a budding spring, he comes and takes his place at the supper table opposite his wife. "But we owe all our happiness to you -all to you, dear, dear uncle! For unless you had come to our aid and played fairy godfather we should yet be as pool 88-00



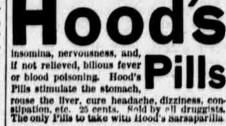
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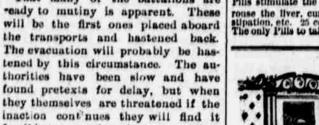
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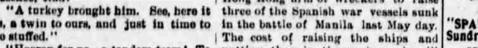
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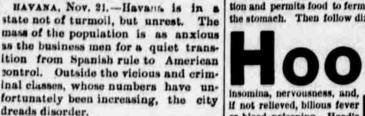
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.-Admiral Dewey has informed the navy department that he has contracted with a Hong Kong'firm of wreckers to raise



dreads disorder. That many of the battalions are ready to mutiny is apparent. These will be the first ones placed aboard the transports and hastened back.

state not of turmoil, but unrest. The mass of the population is as anxious as the business men for a quiet transition from Spanish rule to American sontrol. Outside the vicious and crim-

fortunately been increasing, the city



"It isn't 'on' at all, Ruth; it's offand forever, I hope."

"Bel Altick, what do you mean?" "I mean that he shall never marry

that good for nothing Nan"-"Mark my words, he will marry her,

and neither you nor Tom nor your proposed heiress can keep him from it. Nan's worth a dozen Gwendolines"-

"Then Tom will disinherit him, and, though he's my own son, I shall not blame his father."

"You hard hearted, mercenary woman !" cries Mrs. Harry, moving toward the door. "How you can deliberately go to work to break the heart of so good a son as Plant Altick I confess I canno comprehend. Good morning, Bel-in you think it's good-seems to me if I were you I'd be obliged to taste the bitter of too many selfish reflections to enjoy it much." And the hall door closes with a bang between the sisters-in-law.

Days, weeks and months pass by, and there is no outward showing of the presumptive wealth of Professor Altick. Save a penuy now and then to the smaller fry of the Altick family, he has never shown to them the color of his money, and as he lives simply and indulges sparingly in life's luxuries he is at length accounted an eccentric individual of small means and left religiously alone

Alone and uncared for-that is, if we except the little friendly "runnings in" of Plantagenet, his granduephew, who has taken to the gentle old man from the first, and who is never weary of hearing of the professor's late trip to the petrified tree tract of Arizona or looking at the rare specimens so carefully collected, for Uncle Job is a learned geologist and has written several remarkable treatises on the subject, his Bermons In Stones" having been adopted as a textbook in many colleges.

And from stomes Plantagenet easily leads the conversation to scarcely loss adamantino subjects-the hearts of his unyielding parents-for, cold, calculating and workily, they have softened not sue whit under the warmth of Flanagonet's young love, and it is Uncla Job who' unconsciously encourages him in his grim determination to trave the ire of his parents and marry his sweet Nan in the secth of all opposition.

And so they are quietly marriedand go to income corping in a protty litthe costage, in a portty subarb, some miles from the splendid city home of his father.

Unche Job, who has begun a new work on geology, shuts bimself up in his third story back room and allows the work! without to wag as it will And it seen begins to wag in a very

"Firm I worked for failed." "Humph ! How's Nau?"

"How should she be? Happy and joyous as befits a bride-the bride of a man shut out from home, and who has not a red cent in his pocket! Heaven knows where tomorrow's bread and butter will come from !"

"And it won't tell. It's a sort of habit it has got into, you see, about being sort of mysterious over the ends it has in view. But there, you may sort out the numbered pages for me from among the litter yonder, and we'll see about the bread and butter for tomorrow. Tomorrow is Thursday-bless me, boy, it's Thanksgiving"-

"Thanksgiving! So it is. "Thanksgiving."

Your tone of voice would suggest that you hadn't the dearest little wife in the world to be thankful for. Shame upon you, my nephew. There, I'm not a rich man, as rich men go, but take this bill to Nan and tell her it's from her Uncle Job."

Late upon this same afternoon Professor Altick, basket on arm, goes from greengrocer to butcher shop, intent upon his purchase of a Thanksgiving turkey. The fowl he means to buy he will offer to his nephews in turn, feeling sure that he who accepts it will no doubt ask him to share their dinner, be it Tom, Dick or Harry or Tom's disobedieut son. With an unmistakable grin of amusement the dealer in poultry places a very thin, very poor, very blue about the breasthone, low priced turkey in Uncle Job's tasket.

Early Thanksgiving morning the old professor starts out through the cold, uncertain sunlight that shines fitfully through the rifts of hurrying, wind swept clouds, and, basket on arm, finds his way to Thomas Altick's elegant hours. He risigs and is admitted.

"Good morning, Unels Joh Anything I can do for you this morning?"

No, Thomas, thank you. It's something I want to do for you. I chanced to remember it was Thanksgiving-very edd indeed, my remembering it-and I bought you a turkey. Will you have it, Thomas?" and out comes the old gentleman's and little specimen of the genus. molengris gallopavo.

It is too much for Tom Altick. With laugh that fouches Mrs. Tom quickly from an adjoining room and provokes her to join in its hearty coulddes ha declines the poor fowl with thanks with a sarcasm veiled so lightly that the ugly features of a rude and insoleut nature shine full upon poor Unclo Job.

Quietly he replaces the tarkey within basket, quietly he takes his hat and gloves, and as quistly, with a brief "good day," he leaves the house .. / his hew Thomas.

As for Hickord Altick, be "roars amain" and has the turkey he has pur

"Job's turkey." suggests the profess er.-Detroit Free Press.

The Thankspiring Pessimist.

"What have I got to be thankful for? Guess the Lord isn't bothering himself much about me, and I won't trouble him with my thanks.

These are the folks with whom things always go wrong.-New York Press.

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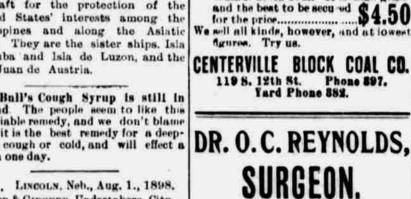
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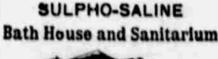
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